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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVESU.S. House of Representatives
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POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received.

1. Name of Traveler: YVETTE D. CLARKE
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): N/A
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 8/3 DEPARTURE AND 8/5 RETURN
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____
4. Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): NEW YORK - DEPARTURE /
ST. JOHN'S ANTIGUA - DESTINATION / NEW YORK - RETURN
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): THE PM GROUP
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): SEE
ATTACHED PAGES
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. ☒ the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; and
 - c. ☒ the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒
b. If not, explain: _____

9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	1241.20	482.00	← THIS AMOUNT INCLUDES MEAL EXPENSES
For accompanying family member:	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	0.00	N/A
For accompanying family member:	N/A	N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:

Yvette S. Clarke

DATE:

8/17/09

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. *You must answer every question on the form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): PM Group LLC
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Representative Yvette Clarke - She is invited because of her Caribbean heritage and congressional support for the region.
6. Dates of travel: July 31 - August 5, 2009
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: New York or Washington DC
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities) (*Signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
9. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (*i.e.*, if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. N/A - I checked 9(a) or (b) above: ☐
 - b. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
 - c. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐
If "c" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. Check one:
- I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒ *or*
 - N/A – trip sponsor is an institution of higher education. ☐
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
Emancipation day celebration culminating in the renaming of the highest point on the island Mt. Obama.
PM Group's is coordinating and promoting on behalf of the Mt Obama organizing committee. Rep. Clarke will
be addressing the gathering and participating in the ribbon cutting and renaming ceremony
13. a. Describe the mode of travel (air, rail, bus, etc.). For air travel, also indicate the type of aircraft (commercial, charter, or privately owned) and class of travel (coach, business class, first class, etc.):
USA Commercial carrier
- b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☒ *or*
 - The trip involves events that are arranged *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☐
 If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Renaming of the highest peak Mt. Obama. The peak is an area where
slaves sought refuge. The area is being renamed in celebration of Obama's presidency. Will take place on Antigua's emancipation day.
17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: The Hermitage
18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \$200/night
19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Convenient to the activities.

20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1000.00	\$800.00	\$400.00
For each accompanying family member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee		
For each accompanying family member		

21. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
22. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Noel MignottName and title: Noel MignottOrganization: PM GroupAddress: 1110 Second Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10022Telephone number: 212 593 5819Fax number: 212 644 0864Email Address: nmignott@pmgroup.bz

The Committee staff may contact the above individual if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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THE PORTFOLIO MARKETING GROUP, 1110 SECOND AVENUE, FLOOR THREE, NEW YORK, NY 10022 T 212 593 6415 F 212 644 0864

Dedication of Mount Obama
Antigua and Barbuda
August 2nd – 5th, 2009

The Honorable Yvette Clarke
New York, 11th District
U.S. House of Representatives
1029 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hermitage Bay, P.O. Box 60, St. John's, Bolans, Antigua and Barbuda Telephone 268.562.5500

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Dereide Samuel Whitlock, Director, Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, *Cellular* 862.216.3290
Alison Ross, *Antigua & Barbuda's PR Agency*, PM Group, *Cellular* 1203.243.0203 Antigua 268.562.3030

ITINERARY:

SUN 08/02	5:45am	Depart JFK AA1291, Terminal 8
	8:49am	Arrive Miami
	11:00am	Depart Miami AA1907
	2:05pm	Arrive Antigua V.C. Bird International Airport
		Met by Mrs. Dereide Samuel Whitlock
		Transfer to Hermitage
		Afternoon at leisure
	6:00pm	Depart for buffet supper, Shirley Heights
	9:00pm	Depart Shirley Heights, return to Hermitage
 MON 08/03		 Morning at leisure
	11:00 am	Depart for lunch, Governor General's residence
	12:00 noon	Lunch hosted by Dame Louise Lake-Tack
	3:00 pm	Viewing Carnival Celebrations, Carnival City, St. Johns
	5:00 pm	Return to Hermitage
	6:30 pm	Depart Hermitage for Nelson's Dockyard
	7:00 pm	Welcome Reception, Nelsons Dockyard
	9:00 pm	Return to Hermitage

TUES 08/04	8:30 am	Depart Hermitage
	9:00 am	Dedication of Mount Obama, Christian Valley Agricultural Station
		Lunch hosted by Derede Samuel Whitlock, Dennis Beach Bar
		Evening at leisure
WED 08/05	9:15 am	<i>Check out of Hermitage</i>
	9:30 am	Depart Hermitage for Office of the Prime Minister
	10:00 am	Round Table meeting at Office of the Prime Minister
		Participants:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prime Minister Hon. Baldwin Spencer▪ Minister of Finance, Hon. Harold Lovell▪ Minister of Tourism, Hon. John Maginley▪ Attorney General, Justin Simon, QC
	12:00 noon	Lunch
	1:30 pm	Check in at V.C. Bird International Airport
	3:10 pm	Depart Antigua AA 1906
	6:33 pm	Arrive Miami
	9:35pm	Depart Miami AA1908
	12:49am	Arrive JFK

Congresswoman Yvette Clarke

DEDICATION OF MT. OBAMA August 2nd – August 5th, 2009 Antigua

Tentative Itinerary

Sunday, 2 nd August, 2009	Afternoon	-	V.I.P Arrivals @ V.C. Bird International Airport
	7 p.m.	-	Dinner at Host Hotel – Hermitage Bay Hotel
Monday, 3 rd August, 2009	12 noon	-	Luncheon – Governor General's Residence Mrs. Dame Louise Tacke
	3 p.m.	-	Viewing of the Opening of the 52 nd Annual Carnival Celebrations – Carnival City, St. Johns
	7 p.m.	-	Welcome Reception hosted by The Prime Minister of Antigua And Barbuda the Hon. Baldwin Spencer – Nelson's Dockyard
Tuesday, 4 th August, 2009	9 a.m.	-	Dedication of Mt. Obama – Christian Valley Agricultural Center
	11 a.m.	-	Sightseeing
Wednesday, 5 th August, 2009	Times TBD	-	Departures

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: YVETTE D. CLARKE

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Yvette D. Clarke

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 1029 LONGWORTH HOB

Phone number: 202 225 6231

Email address of contact person: JEREMY.ALEXANDER@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV

- ☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: YVETTE D. CLARKE
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): THE PM GROUP MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS 1110 SECOND AVE, 3RD FL, NEW YORK, NY 10022
3. Travel destination(s): ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Fri, 31 JULY 2009 / Tue, 4 AUG. 2009
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: _____
c. Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, check one of the following: ☐ N/A - Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box): ☒
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
As representative of the 11th Congressional, I represent one of the largest concentrations of Caribbean-Americans in the United States and I serve on the Homeland Security Committee, where I'm focus on partnering with the nations within our hemisphere for our mutual security concerns.
9. FOR STAFF: TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Antigua and Barbuda scheduled for August 2 to 5, 2009, sponsored by the Portfolio Marketing Group.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.


Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren
Chair



Jo Bonner
Ranking Republican Member

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